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LITERARY NOTES.

THE Pilgrim Press, Boston, has published in a handsome volume a series of studies by Rev. A. A. Berle, *Modern Interpretations of the Gospel Life* (pp. 328; \$2). The subjects treated have to do with New Testament biography, social and political, educational, literary, and romantic interpretations, and the spiritual life. The papers, although not always closely connected, are thoughtful and interesting. Special attention may be called to that on university religion.

THE latest volume of the "Polychrome Bible" is that upon *The Prophet Ezekiel*, by Professor Toy, of Harvard. It contains a number of illustrations, and is rather a commentary than a polychrome edition, for there is in it no colored plate. For those who fear that the Bible is being torn into fragments, and look upon the present edition as a summit of variegated learning, this simple statement may be a source of encouragement and consolation. (New York: Dodd, Mead & Co., 1899; pp. x + 208; \$2.50, *net*.)

THE Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, Chicago, and Toronto, publishes *Scripture Worthies, Their Characters Viewed in a New Light*, by Rev. P. Spencer Whitman, D.D. The volume is especially concerned with the clearing of the character of certain people of the Old Testament who have suffered at the hands of preachers, as, for example, Lot, Rebecca, Jacob, Moses, Rahab, Elijah. The book is written in a half-colloquial style, is interesting, and contains some sensible remarks and displays some unnecessary sensitiveness on behalf of its heroes and heroines.

THE Macmillan Co. publishes *The Gospel for a World of Sin*, by Dr. Henry van Dyke, a companion volume to *The Gospel for an Age of Doubt*. Those who have read the first volume do not need to be told that the new is marked by simplicity, earnestness, and high literary qualities. As an unfolding of the fundamental idea of the atonement, the volume, however, is likely to be of service to those who are perplexed by the cruder forms of popular theology. We differ, however, decidedly with the statement that the kingdom of God which Jesus proclaimed and established is a kingdom of the soul. There is only one of the sayings of Jesus which gives any basis for such a statement, and that, the context shows, is mistranslated.